

RAIN BOOSTS GRAIN CROPS

BUT MORE IS NEEDED TO GIVE A GOOD CORN YIELD.

Reports from the Wheat Country Fair, oats and hay generally short. Pastures badly burned everywhere. Potatoes a failure wherever reported.

St. Louis, June 25.—Special despatches received to-night by the *Globe-Democrat* from the crop experts of thirteen States show that rains of the last few days have helped growing grain in the middle West, West and Southwest, but that heavy rains must come within the next two weeks to save corn in many localities.

Potatoes are generally a failure, pastures are in a bad way, oats and hay are very short. Wheat estimates are fair to good. The South's outlook for cotton is splendid. The reports are summarized as follows:

Illinois.—Secretary H. A. McKee, State Farmers' Institute, says: "Despite heavy rains throughout the State yesterday, Illinois harvest as a whole will be the poorest in many years. Corn in northern and central Illinois is in a very good condition and fairly good yield is predicted. Oats crop throughout Illinois will be very light. Wheat, although well headed, is light in most of the State. Apples, one-fourth crop; peaches, half; potatoes, none; tomatoes, few."

Indiana.—Wheat, little short of normal; corn, average heavier than for several years and crop will exceed that of last season; oats, half crop; hay, considerably under normal; tomatoes, big shortage; potatoes, normal.

Missouri.—Soaking rain within ten days necessary to make an average corn crop; oats crop is out to half; potatoes are practically a failure and pastures are burned up in central and southern Missouri. Corn everywhere is free from weevil and will make a bumper crop if heavy rains fall within ten days. This is the report of Sam Jordan, State Board of Agriculture's corn expert.

Kansas.—Corn is generally in excellent condition and with rain for two weeks more will make a fairly good crop. The whole State is extremely dry, hot winds are blowing to-day and withdrawing the moisture still remaining in the ground. Wheat will be about half a crop, with the quality excellent; oats half crop; pastures in most of eastern section are burned dry; alfalfa is in the same condition on lands and it is doubtful if rains will revive it; potatoes will be almost complete failure without heavy rains.

Iowa.—Heavy rains throughout the State to-day helped corn, which the sun was wilting in some sections, but the crop generally is making better progress than for years. Wheat and rye yields are good; hay crop light; oats yield good, but straw short. Grasshoppers are numerous in some localities.

Kentucky.—Corn is looking well, not having been affected by drought as have other crops, and a good yield is anticipated if the weather is favorable after July 1; wheat crop, 91 per cent.; tobacco, not a full crop, about 60 per cent. of a crop planted. Local rains have enabled farmers in some sections to get their tobacco out, but dry weather and scarcity of plants have generally made it a bad year for tobacco; corn acreage being increased in consequence; potatoes almost complete failure; garden truck cut considerably; peach and apple crops good.

Alabama.—Bumper cotton crop is predicted; corn crop larger than last year; wheat and oats larger than ever before.

Mississippi.—Cotton crop bumper prospects were never better at this time of year in Mississippi. The boll weevil now extends across the southern tier of counties into Alabama and north about 100 miles. Old corn badly damaged by drought will produce a half crop of rubbins; young corn looks fine and probably will produce a good crop.

Arkansas.—Saturday's rain saved the Arkansas cotton crop from great damage, especially in the hills, where decay had begun. Cotton yield for the State will be about the same as last year. Failure of the seed to germinate in black lands offsets the increased acreage. The rains saved the corn, which would have been ruined by a few more dry days, but the yield will not be what farmers expected. Rice growers are rejoicing over the rain.

Texas.—Cotton throughout Texas except the Gulf coast country, where heavy rains fell Thursday, badly needs moisture. Every section has increased cotton acreage; corn is beyond help from rain in almost all sections; wheat and oats almost complete failure in central and north Texas. Rain would help milo maize in west Texas.

Oklahoma.—Corn prospects are poorest in years and authorities predict not more than half of normal crop. Many farmers would put in ninety day corn if rain falls soon. Wheat crops less than one-third, alfalfa yield smallest in history; cotton will soon need rain; crop will be a record breaker if seasonable rains come from now on. Cotton men generally estimate the crop at one million bales. Fruit crops fair.

Tennessee.—Cotton prospects were never better; well distributed showers last week being worked a great change. Rain from to-day to materially benefit some of the early planted corn. Tobacco planting well advanced by the drought, but is progressing nicely now, not being injured by drouth.

Nebraska.—Wheat is almost up to normal and of good quality. Corn prospects are the most ever known in the State, but this is badly needed.

Dakotas, Minnesota and Northern Iowa.—Crops damaged 40 per cent. by heat waves.

MAURER'S STRIKE ON AGAIN.

News of 45 firms at Liverpool to go out to-day. Dockmen restless.

London, June 25.—Last week's protest against the settlement of the seamen's strike at Liverpool has not materialized. The dockmen have issued a list of forty-five firms whose seamen have been ordered to strike to-morrow.

The dockmen are restless also and are expected to go on strike.

YOUNG BARNES WILL LIVE.

Thomas Kerr Has an Even Chance for Recovering From Boneache Burns.

NANTUCKET, Mass., June 25.—There is only an even chance for the recovery of Thomas Kerr of New York from the burns he sustained last night in his unsuccessful attempt to save the lives of Miss Helen Wilson of New York and Miss Mildred De Haven of Brooklyn when the boat of William Barnes, Jr., at the end of Commercial Wharf, was destroyed by fire.

Ulysses Pahud, a Frenchman 21 years old, employed by Mr. Barnes as a valet, died at midnight of his injuries.

Thurlock Weed Barnes 2d, Harvard student and son of Mr. Barnes, is also in a very serious condition, but the physicians say he will recover. His arms, face and legs were burned and he inhaled considerable smoke.

Mr. Kerr's injuries are so severe that he will be disabled for life if he survives. His arms were terribly burned as well as his legs, face and hands.

All three young men probably could have escaped without severe injuries had they not tried to rescue Miss Wilson and Miss De Haven. Pahud, the valet, tried again and again to reach the small room into which the two girls had fled when the flames flashed around the main room. Pahud, with a coat over his head endeavored to fight his way through the smoke and flames to them, but each time was forced to retreat to the air.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes, Jr., arrived here late this afternoon and are at the bedside of their son. The bodies of Miss De Haven and Miss Wilson were taken to New York by the afternoon boat.

POLICEMEN MUST PATROL.

Waldo Is Determined to Make That the Basis of Department Discipline.

It is understood in police circles that as the result of Commissioner Waldo's investigations in various precincts, many of them made personally, charges are to be preferred not only against the policemen who were found on post, but in some cases against the precinct officers responsible. Proper patrolling is known to be the Commissioner's hobby, as he feels that when the patrolling of the city is made what it should be the amount of crime will be greatly lessened. He was around last night inspecting the working of the new fixed posts.

Since the three platoon system was introduced the Commissioner, Chief Inspector Schmittberger and others have been making tours of inspection. Several precincts were found satisfactory, but others were the reverse. In some instances the line of patrol was very bad indeed and charges are expected against fifty or sixty members of the uniformed force.

In one precinct, where ten patrolmen were of post at once, it is said that complaints have been recommended against the sergeants and lieutenants responsible and against one or two inspectors. In another precinct one post was found with no policeman on duty for eight hours. Through a mistake the policeman who should have been there was patrolling another post. Here also the charges will probably extend to the higher officials.

Most of the delinquencies have occurred in the third platoon, which has been working from 11 P. M. to 7 A. M. The Commissioner feels that he has done everything in reason to accommodate the members of the uniformed force. The new shields without numbers for lieutenants had been desired for some time and the three platoon idea has long been popular with the men. The Commissioner's caution to superior officers against making undue complaints is another act which the uniformed force is said to appreciate greatly.

RATS ATTACK CANOE GIRLS.

Two Nearly Drowned in the Allegheny Near Oakland.

PITTSBURGH, June 25.—Seven society girls of Pittsburgh and vicinity camping at Oakland had an exciting experience with a swarm of unusually large muskrats while canoeing on the Allegheny River this afternoon. Miss Hester Maitland of Verona was the leader of the party. She led them in canoes to paddle up the Allegheny River to Hulton. The young women were making for the shore for luncheon when about twenty rats made a vicious attack upon them.

With their paddles the young women fought desperately for a quarter of an hour. Several of the big rats got into the canoes occupied by Misses Rosa and Carolina Weller and Miss Maitland. Miss Carolina Weller and Miss Maitland were bitten. All the canoists became panic-stricken and two of the canoes were capsized, throwing Martha Heck, Elizabeth Laverty and Marjorie Phillips into the river.

The girls could not swim and in the water the rats again attacked them. Henry Miller of Aspinwall and a crowd of companions saw the girls and a crowd of men in the water and rescued them with considerable difficulty. Several canoists have been drowned in a mysterious manner near the same spot recently, and it is believed now that they met their death while battling with muskrats.

SIX HURT IN CAR COLLISION.

Amalgamators and Cabs Needed After Trolley Smash in Paterson.

PATERSON, N. J., June 25.—Fifty people were badly shaken up and half a dozen so seriously injured that they had to be removed to their homes in cabs and ambulances to-night when a Main street trolley car smashed into the rear end of a Haledon car.

The most seriously injured are John Krogger, 121 North Twenty-second street, left leg broken; Mrs. Lucy Drew, 12 Madison street, legs and arms cut and bruised; Walter Van Iderstein, North Haledon, scalp wounds; Mrs. Sarah Brouiller, 147 Madison street, head cut; Miss Stella Hackett, 1014 Madison avenue, shoulder broken; Mrs. Margaret Picca, 178 Belmont avenue, left arm and several ribs broken.

Krogger was standing on the rear platform and his leg was caught between the two cars. His brother, William, saw the danger and jumped, James Voorwerk, motorman of the Main street car, says the brakes refused to work.

STATE-ROOM CARS TO CLEVELAND.
Drawing Room, State Room 12 section sleep in cars to Cleveland leave Pennsylvania Station at 5:01 and 8:32 P. M. daily over the Pennsylvania Railroad arrive Cleveland 7:30 the next morning.—Ad.

INWOOD WHITE HOUSE BURNS.

MITCHELL LEVY LOST BOOKS AND PAINTINGS ALSO.

Water Pumped From Far Away by Means of Fire Engines—Fireman Badly Hurt When the Roof Fell—A Spectacle on the River—Loss Put at \$75,000.

The country home of Mitchell A. C. Levy, the lawyer, on the River road a little less than a mile north of Dyckman street, Inwood, was burned last night and a quantity of valuable antique furnishings. The loss was estimated at about \$75,000.

Mr. Levy, whose office is at 35 Nassau street and whose city home is with his brother at 59 East Thirty-fourth street, has been in the habit of spending his week ends at the country house, which was a big two story frame building facing the Palisades and with a view up and down the Hudson for miles. The building, painted white, stood above a grove of trees and was itself visible to the whole Jersey shore.

Last night half a dozen men friends of Mr. Levy went up to the house to have dinner with its owner, who is a bachelor. They arrived at 7 o'clock and an hour later went into the dining room. Mr. Levy smelled smoke and went out into the kitchen. There he opened a door leading from the cellar and was driven back by a burst of smoke. He got the servants together into a bucket brigade and tried to enter the cellar, but was driven back again.

At the discovery of the fire one of the guests had jumped into an automobile and driven to the nearest fire box, two miles away, at Broadway and Academy street. Three engine companies responded eventually.

When the firemen arrived the fire was eating through the first floor, and Mr. Levy, his guests and servants and Commander Tread with his squad of a dozen volunteer fire savers from their station at the foot of Dyckman street were trying to save what they could of the furniture and paintings. The firemen found that the nearest hydrant was far away on Dyckman street 1,000 feet east of River road. They stretched one line of hose over this distance by using the supply of all the tenders and then found that the engine down at the hydrant could not pump it up the hill so great a distance. Battalion Chief Barrett called for two more engines and when these came he stretched two lines of hose, with an engine at the hydrant, another at the house and three more at distances of several hundred feet apart. With the five engines working the two streams were practicable. A fireboat also was sent for, but there was no landing place for it and its crew had to stand idle and watch the fire.

By the time actual water had been turned on the house was practically gone. Men of Hook and Ladder 36 were at work on the first floor trying to save some of the property when the roof came down. All escaped but Fireman Martin Carpey, who was caught under the roof timbers. His companions went back and pulled him out unconscious and badly burned about the upper part of his body and his head and arms. He was taken to the Washington Heights Hospital still unconscious in the chief's buggy.

Two hundred feet or so to the north of the Levy house is the home of Cornelius Kahlen, a paper manufacturer, and about the same distance away to the south is the home of William Burns, a real estate man.

The sparks threatened both these buildings, particularly the former, but the servants got together in bucket brigades and both houses were saved.

The Levy house, standing at the top of a series of terraced bluffs, was well disposed for the display and the fire was visible for many miles in all directions. The road from Yonkers was filled with automobile parties which had stopped to see it and the Jersey shore was lined with the spectators on that side of the river.

CRUISERS COME IN.

The Montana More Weighted Down With Bullets Than the Washington.

The armored cruisers Montana and Washington of the fifth division of the Atlantic fleet arrived yesterday from Guantanamo by way of Hampton Roads, where they spent three days permitting bluejackets and marines to take shore liberty. The Washington flies the flag of Rear Admiral Sidney L. Stanton. With the Tennessee, the North Carolina and the Washington she took three regiments of marines down to Guantanamo to be prepared for any emergency that might involve the United States with Mexico. At Guantanamo the twelve oared cutter crews of the North Carolina and the Washington contested for the championship of the division. Ensign Rufus King of the Montana was coxswain for the men of the Montana. This is an innovation and will be heretofore a regular thing in naval boat races.

Ensign King had been struck in a crack crew at the Naval Academy. His cutter won by about a cruiser's length, and the men of the Washington, according to current estimates, lost \$28,000 or less that they had put up in small and big bets against \$32,000 or less raised by the men of the Montana.

There was also an ensign on the base-ball teams of several cruisers. Ensign Ernest G. Kippel of this city played first base on the Washington team and helped it to keep pretty close to the leading team, the North Carolina, of the Atlantic fleet's league.

BUFFER FOR AEROPLANES.

Italian Has a Device to Rob Falling of All Its Terrors.

PISA, June 25.—Prof. Pacinotti has invented a conical pneumatic buffer to be attached underneath aeroplanes to break the force of a fall.

The inventor believes that the device will enable an airman to drop vertically without using the motor or without plunging.

Intercontinental Boat Races at Poughkeepsie.
June 27th. St. Albans runs special, \$2.00 round trip. Leave Wash St. 9:00 A. M. 12th St. 10:20 A. M. Ad.

BALTIMORE BIDS \$100,000.

More Than Required Sum Subscribed to Get Democratic to National Convention.

BALTIMORE, June 25.—Chairman Robert Crain of the finance committee appointed to secure subscriptions to the \$100,000 guarantee fund required to bring the national Democratic convention to this city, announces that the amount has been over-subscribed.

The amounts subscribed by the corporations, financiers, merchants, professional men and representatives of the various trades, Republicans as well as Democrats, vary. They range from \$1 to \$5,000.

The largest subscribers are the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the Pennsylvania Railroad, the United Railway and Electric Company and Capt. Isaac Emerson, each of whom has subscribed \$5,000.

To Chairman Crain has also been delegated the task of inducing the national Democratic committee to accept the offer of Baltimore's enterprising citizens. He has not been idle in this direction. When not busy here soliciting subscriptions he was at Washington laboring with the Democratic committeemen and members of Congress whose influence was desired to prevail upon the representatives of the national body to vote for Baltimore. In this he has been uniformly successful, and while not assured that a majority will vote to bring the convention here he is very much encouraged by the replies he has received.

LA PROVENCE LET IN.

Hamburg Held in Quarantine Duca degli Abruzzi Decks.

The steamship Hamburg, from the Mediterranean, was held in quarantine yesterday with all her fifty-four cabin and 365 stowage passengers. The bacteriological examination of the ship was completed this morning. The first and second cabin passengers, not having been in contact with those of the stowage, will be transferred from the ship to a barge this morning and landed at Hoboken. The ship and the stowage passengers will be held until to-morrow morning for further examination.

The French liner La Provence was released yesterday morning with all her stowage passengers. The bacteriological examination of the ship was completed this morning. The first and second cabin passengers, not having been in contact with those of the stowage, will be transferred from the ship to a barge this morning and landed at Hoboken. The ship and the stowage passengers will be held until to-morrow morning for further examination.

CAR DRIVEN BY GIRL, WRECKED.

The Girl Hurt Beneath It in Early Morning Joy Ride.

RED BANK, N. J., June 25.—A touring car owned by J. Steiner, a shirt manufacturer of Asbury Park, collided with John Mulligan's motor car near Seabright early this morning and after wrecking the wagon turned over and pinned a girl beneath it.

Before starting for a late train into Long Branch to meet his employer the chauffeur, Philip Diamond, was taking three young women, Rachel Rothenberg and Sadie and Marian Goldstein, on a ride to Highlands. On their return trip Mulligan's car was driving. There was an awful crash and the wagon was hurled into an embankment.

The woman driver was found under the car unconscious. The two other women and the chauffeur landed in a hedge and were only bruised. Mr. Mulligan was hurt slightly.

A car belonging to E. U. Horsman, a New York toy manufacturer and a summer resident of Monmouth Beach, arrived on the scene and the wrecked automobile was lifted off the woman. She was removed to the Long Branch hospital in Mr. Horsman's car. She had a fractured collarbone and two broken ribs.

The chauffeur of the Steiner car was arrested and held to-day in \$500 bail for the Grand Jury.

SPEAKS FROM CHURCH STEPS.

Dr. Howard Duffield Invites the Passersby to Enter.

Dr. Howard Duffield, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, stood on the steps of his church at Fifth avenue and Eleventh street last night and talked to an out of door crowd that stopped on its way on Fifth avenue to hear what he had to say. After it was over a good many accepted his invitation to attend the regular evening service. The crowd that gathered blocked the sidewalk, but seemed to hesitate to pass the big iron fence.

"The aim of Dr. Duffield was, as he put it, 'The wide open church.' He added that he had for some time been thinking of some way to make the big brownstone church more homelike to the people who lived in its vicinity or who walked by it every Sunday night. Ever since Dr. Duffield came to the Old First Presbyterian nearly twenty years ago he has been fighting to make it more of a center for the community. So when one of the organizations in the church offered to put through the out of door service he came down from his country place at Amagansett to give the opening talk. Dr. Duffield has been seriously ill for over a year and yesterday was almost his first active work since.

If the meetings prove a success Dr. Duffield said he would try to enlarge their scope. Last night the service consisted of a twenty minute talk and of singing.

KILLED IN SHOOTING GALLERY.

Boy Who Wanted to Hit Jumping Monkey Accidentally Hit His Friend.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 25.—Louis Lamaroff, 12 years old, was fatally shot in a shooting gallery at Riverside Recreation Park, six miles outside of New Brunswick, this afternoon.

He asked a boy friend, W. Hannon, to have a shot at the jumping monkey. Hannon in picking up the gun accidentally pulled the trigger and the bullet pierced Lamaroff's head.

The dying boy was brought to St. Peter's Hospital in this city in an automobile owned by Edward Radel. Mr. Radel drove and made the six miles in six minutes. The boy died soon after reaching the hospital.

A COLORADO VACATION, LOW FARES.
Rock Island's one night train, morning and evening, from Chicago and St. Louis combine speed and comfort. Only two nights from New York. Booklets and tickets, 401 Broadway.—Ad.

POLICE BOAT SAVES SIX LIVES.

THE BABY, BABIES ABOARD, WAS SINKING OFF CANARSIE.

Waves Coming In Faster Than Two Women and a Man Could Bail When Harbor Squad Dropped Out of a Squall and Swam to the Launch With Hopes.

Two women and a man bailed for their lives and for the lives of three children yesterday afternoon while a rain squall which thrashed Jamaica Bay swept sea after sea into their launch.

The launch was the Baby. In her were Mr. and Mrs. John Hammond of 842 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, their two little girls and a woman friend and her small child. The Baby was driven out of Big Channel and on Nova Scotia bar, where time after time as she sank down in the troughs of the waves her bottom struck the bar with a force that threatened to smash her.

Her engine had broken down just as the squall burst while she was trying to outrace the storm to Canarsie.

As the party were huddled in the dancing launch an unusually big wave struck her on the port bow and more than a foot of water entered. Hammond headed her toward Ruffe Bar, a little island, knowing the Baby could not make Canarsie. The engine stopped.

"Bail!" said Hammond. He grasped a large pail, his wife a smaller one and the other woman a tin can. They struggled to bail the Baby. They tried for help as they saw they would be driven upon the sandbar.

Mr. Hammond said later a sloop swept by only a few hundred feet away but was in peril herself and could not give them aid. But presently the police launch of harbor squad C discovered them. The pilot, Otto Hegstedt, drove the police boat close to the bar, and Policeman Edward Tank, with an end of a rope around his middle, jumped into the surf and swam to the Baby while Hegstedt and Policeman William Walker yelled to the women and man that they would be saved.

The women were exhausted from bailing. Tank took Mrs. Hammond into his arms and was hauled back to the police boat. Back to the launch he went again. The other woman was assisted to him by Hammond. The children were taken next and then a line was attached to the launch and she was pulled off the bar and into deep water with Hammond.

With the launch in tow and with the rescued women and children being warmed in the engine room, the police boat fought the storm on her way back to Canarsie. She came upon another launch which needed assistance, the Ben T., containing the owner, Benjamin Timmons of Washington avenue, Glendale, L. I., and three other men. The engine had broken down. A line was passed to her and she also was towed to Canarsie.

AEROPLANE RUNS AWAY.

Flops Unlabeled About Hempstead Plains and Brulies an Aviator.

Spectators at the Hempstead Plains flying field saw a runaway aeroplane yesterday. André Heupert, instructor in the Moisant school of aviation, had flown across the field and alighted to adjust a part of the steering apparatus. He left the engine at half speed. The machine suddenly started across the field. Heupert in his effort to capture it was knocked down and crushed. Three mechanics joined in the capture of the runaway, but were swept aside before they could get it under control.

The machine circled the centre of the field and finally hit an embankment. The propeller was broken and the machine otherwise damaged.

Dr. Henry Walden in a new monoplane flew from Mineola to Hicksville and return. About a year ago in testing out a machine Dr. Walden met with an accident that kept him in a hospital for several weeks.

EAST 28TH STREET RIOT.

Twenty Armenians Quarrelled Among Themselves, Ten Arrested.

About twenty Armenians dressed in their Sunday clothes walked along East Twenty-eighth street yesterday afternoon until they came to L'Aurore restaurant, at 162. They started to go into the restaurant and then changed their minds and walked on toward Lexington avenue. Hardly had they left the eating house door when a dispute began.

In half a minute the bunch was mixed up in a fight with umbrellas, canes and fists. The row started in front of St. Stephen's Church, where an afternoon service was going on, and some of the worshippers came out to see what was up. Policemen Gleimann had been watching the Armenians since they had left the restaurant and divided into them at Twenty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, striking out with his stick and shouting for order.

Gleimann gathered in six that were making the most fuss and shoved them toward a big house at the corner. On the Twenty-eighth street side of this house, formerly occupied by William Randolph Hearst, is a big stone porch with two flights of steps leading to the street. Up these steps he chased his prisoners and stood on the pavement waving his stick at them.

"I'll beat the block off the first man who tries to come down," shouted Gleimann when one of the Armenians started for the steps.

The policeman covered both flights of steps, dashing from one side to the other when a prisoner tried to step off the upper landing and reaching as if to draw his revolver when the waving nightstick failed to produce results.

Meanwhile a big crowd had collected and the rest of the Armenians were still fighting along Lexington avenue. Then the neighbors got busy at the telephones and sent in nine calls to Police Headquarters saying that there was a riot. Headquarters notified the East Thirty-fifth street station and the reserves started out on the gallop.

HALF MILLION IN HIS TRUNKS.

Horace Granfield of Mount Vernon Had Fortune With Him When Killed.

DENVER, June 25.—Two travel trunks left in a hotel here by Horace Granfield of Mount Vernon, N. Y., have been opened by the public administrator and found to contain half a million dollars, on which the State will collect an inheritance tax.

Granfield was killed in an automobile accident near here on May 7. He was taking a pleasure trip in the mountains near Denver with a local attorney. His machine became unmanageable, plunked over a declivity and both were dead when picked up.

Granfield was known to be wealthy, but was not supposed to carry a fortune with him. His widow and daughter came here for the body and later began looking over his extensive mining interests in the State. An attorney told the public administrator that he should take charge of the estate and that officer went to the hotel where Granfield had registered, found the trunks and opened them. He was surprised by the discovery of a \$500,000 Government bond, a \$10,000 bill, much other currency and gold edged railroad bonds, jewelry, etc., valued at fully \$750,000.

THE ORIGINAL DEVONSHIRE.

English Art Critic Says Gainsborough in Morgan Collection is Genuine.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, June 25.—David Croft Thomson, the English art expert who examined the portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire in J. P. Morgan's collection with C. M. Q. Orchardson, head of the King's College School of Art, when Mr. Morgan bought the picture, says that the portrait is undoubtedly the original painted by Gainsborough, though possibly it was partly repainted by some other hand.

WOMAN CHOKED BY ROBBERS.

Tall Man and Short Man Attack Mrs. David Weinstein.

When her mother dropped in yesterday at Mrs. David Weinstein's apartment in The Bronx at Brown place and 156th street she found the door open and Mrs. Weinstein's bedroom topsyturvy, with Mrs. Weinstein in hysterics on the bed. A policeman was called and Mrs. Weinstein said she had been robbed and choked by two men, who had forced their way in when she went to the door and had taken a diamond ring worth \$140, a smaller ring worth \$15 and a purse containing \$7, which had been hidden in her stocking.

A neighbor in the apartment told the police that she had seen two men coming down the stairs at the time named by Mrs. Weinstein. She described the men, which Mrs. Weinstein hadn't been able to do. One was tall and red of hair, while the other was short and dark, which was all the detectives had to work on.

FIFTH AVENUE BLOCK SOLD.

Final Transfer From the Marshall Field Estate to W. Altman.

Benjamin Altman has purchased from the Marshall Field estate property fronting on the east side of Fifth avenue from Thirtieth to Thirty-first street. The purchase price is said to have been about \$4,000,000. The actual sale of the property was made more than a month ago, but the title did not pass until last week. Mr. Altman leased the property from the Marshall Field estate in 1904 for twenty years with the privilege of several renewals.

The property is covered by a row of four story buildings, all of which have been converted to business use. It is the intention of Mr. Altman to put the property on the market for sale either as a plot or in separate parcels.

TO FLY FOR A WIFE.

Girl to Give Her Hand to Aviator That Makes Best Showing.

LIMA, Ohio, June 25.—A contest in the air between rival aviators for a girl's hand will be the feature of the one day aviation meet here to-morrow. Two of the aviators, Jack Bacheller and Bert Chambers, have been laying siege to the heart of Miss Dorothy Dale of Tiffin, Ohio.

Miss Dale refused to choose between them and in a recent meet in that city made a trip into the clouds with both. Now she has promised to make her decision here, intimating that she will accept the one that makes the highest altitude record during the day.

DRAMA IN A SCHOOL YARD.

The First One Is to Be Given at School 64 in July.

The Board of Education has approved the project to give open air performances of classic and poetic dramas in the playgrounds of the city. It was first planned to give plays in some of the city parks, and Commissioner Stover has in mind the erection of open air theatres, but these plans will not mature for some time. Meanwhile dramas are to be presented in the playgrounds for the uplifting of the public with professional actors engaged.

The first performance will be given toward the end of July in the playground of Public School 164 at Tenth street and Avenue B. Principal Grady and teachers and pupils will take up active work this week.

The first performance will be free of charge, and afterward a committee of the Board of Education will endeavor to put the movement on a self-supporting basis.

DIVES FROM TRAIN; SAVES BOY.

Engineer Stops Freight on Trestle and Rescues Drowning Youngster.

PITTSBURGH, June 25.—Fred Schilling, an engineer on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, saw a twelve-year-old boy floundering helplessly in the Allegheny River below him this afternoon.

Closing down the throttle, Schilling stopped his freight train on a trestle, sprang to the run board of his engine and made a dive into the water.

The youngster by this time was making his last call for help. The man, overalls and jumper struck out toward mid-stream and soon had the drowning lad by the hair. Schilling brought him safely ashore just as the freightman, conductor and all hands aboard came running up to see why he had stopped his train. The boy gave his name as Carl Smith of Woodland avenue, Northside.

They are talking to-night about a hero model for Schilling.

A BRONX VILLAGE'S BIG FIRE.

MAURER'S STORIED DANCE HALL IN UNIONPORT BURNS.

Two Young Women Who Shocked Morality by Smoking Cigarettes Upstairs Are Universally Blamed—Bronxdale Athletic Club's Hall Almost a Ruin.

A fire that the staid folk of the little village of Unionport, in The Bronx, a cluster of frame buildings set apart in a valley just below Bronx Park, firmly believe was caused by smouldering cigarettes that two young women surreptitiously smoked at a dance in Ludwig Maurer's dance hall, at 1679 Unionport road, wiped out that hall, wherein most of the younger persons of the village go to dance and wed and orate, caused a loss of \$50,000 and destroyed